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From: Karen Todner
Sent: 06 January 2015 12:35
To: Liz Hutchinson
Subject: FW: Lauri LOVE
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From: BROWN, Steve - eCrime [mailto:steve.brown2@nca.x.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 January 2015 11:04
To: Karen Todner
Subject: RE: Lauri LOVE

OFFICIAL

Good Morning Karen

Happy New Year to you. Further to our last correspondence in November (letter attached), I have yet to receive anything from yourself in relation to Lauri Love.

However, I attach an email received directly from Mr Love that he has addressed to our Director General, Director of NCCU and other Officers within the organisation. This is the second email of its type.

I have remained professional and communicative towards Mr Love and his family through the appropriate channels and spoke with him personally, despite many reminders that correspondence should come through yourself.

I had provided my number to his father in good faith following the execution of the Search Warrant which he has no doubt given to his son.

Whilst I appreciate his concerns for his property, I have laid out my decision and rationale as to their retention and shall not waiver from this or the solution that I have previosuly offered to Mr Love.

I would be grateful if you could again remind Mr Love of the protocol involved.

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----
From: BROWN, Steve - eCrime
Sent: 26 November 2014 17:44
To: Karen Todner
Subject: Lauri LOVE

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Dear Karen

I hope this finds you well.

Please find enclosed, a letter with regard to the return of Lauri LOVE's property.

Once more, Mr LOVE continues to contact Officers directly despite several pleas that he should direct any correspondence through yourself. I politely request that you remind him of the protocols that exist and that he abides by them.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

Kind Regards

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26th November 2014

Dear Karen

Further to recent communication received from yourself on behalf of your client Lauri LOVE, I write to update you of the National Cyber Crime Unit's position.

You will be aware of our decision to retain some of Mr Love's property that was seized for forensic examination following his arrest in October 2013. Upon examination, NCCU Officers discovered that Mr Love had deployed encryption software across his digital media.

Despite the serving of a S.49 RIPA Notice, Mr Love failed to disclose the appropriate information to enable Officers to access that media to examine its contents.

Following his release from bail, Mr Love has since made several requests to have that property returned to him, however, without being able to examine its contents, my belief remains that the property contains evidence of criminality for which Mr Love was originally arrested for. This belief remains consistent to this day.

By returning Mr Love's property to him, I believe I could potentially be committing an offence myself as I am unaware of the contents of the property.

It is therefore my proposal that in order to return Mr Love's property to him, that he gives Officers of National Crime Agency, written permission to forensically wipe his property.

If that permission is forthcoming, I can instruct my Officers accordingly and return the original property seized. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Steve

Steve Brown
Principal Officer, Operations

Liz Hutchinson

From: Karen Todner
Sent: 06 January 2015 16:47
To: 'BROWN, Steve - eCrime'
Subject: Laurie Love

Dear Steve

Happy New Year to you too.

I have seen the correspondence from Mr Love and I do appreciate your position. I have advised Mr Love on many occasions of the protocol but I cannot force him to adopt it. I will remind him again.

My understanding is that Mr Love is not willing to consent to any of his property being forensically wiped.

Kind regards

Karen

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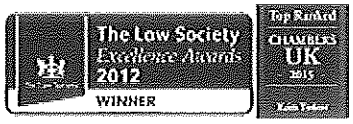

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